# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION FOR SOFTWARE EXPORTS
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Karnataka Government had requested the Union Government to amend the guidelines in the IT sector so as to enable the allocations to be made after taking into account export of services on the line of ASIDE;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has considered the views of the Karnataka State; and

(c) if so, the total allocations made in ASIDE for Software exports to Karnataka?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY( SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE )

( a) Yes Sir.

(b& c) The issue of inclusion of export of Software and IT enabled services was considered in the Department keeping in view its contribution to the economic development of the country. However, owing to difficulty in identifying the source of such services, it was not found feasible to include the same in export data for allocation of funds under ASIDE scheme.However, State Government can utilise the funds allocated to it for promoting exports of software from the State